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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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RE: FCC Docket No. 95-116
DA Notice 98-1080

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am filing the enclosed Reply Comment on behalf of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. I have enclosed an original and four (4) copies of the Reply Comment along with a copy of the Reply Comment on a read-only disc in WordPerfect 5.1. Additionally, I have enclosed a copy to be time-stamped and returned to me in the attached self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy L. Putnam".

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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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**REPLY COMMENT OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to a Notice issued on June 8, 1998, (the June Notice), the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Common Carrier Bureau (CCB) seeks comment on the Report of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) on High Volume Call-In (HVCI) and Local Number Portability (LNP) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TA-96).

II. THE PENNSYLVANIA POSITION

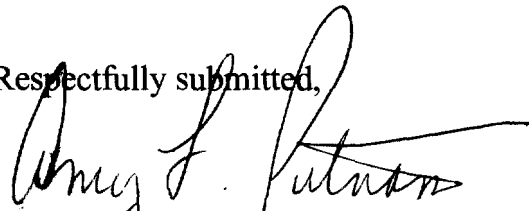
1. The proposals contained in the appendices to the Report regarding High Volume Call-In Networks offer possible solutions to network congestion related to

HVCI events in areas in which Local Number Portability is available. The NANC Local Number Portability Working Group concluded by a majority vote, and therefore advised the FCC, that the contribution by Southern Bell Corporation was preferred.

2. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC) strongly supports any architectural improvement to the network that will increase or enhance the availability of local number portability.

3. The PaPUC further strongly supports any network architecture enhancement that will alleviate network congestion. However, with respect to the contributions of Southern Bell Telephone Company and AT&T, the PaPUC offers no preference.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy L. Putnam", written over the typed name.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Amy L. Putnam, hereby certify that I have on this 7th day of August, 1998, served a true and correct copy of the Reply Comment of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC) upon the persons and in the manner indicated below:

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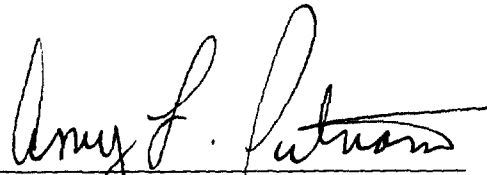
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